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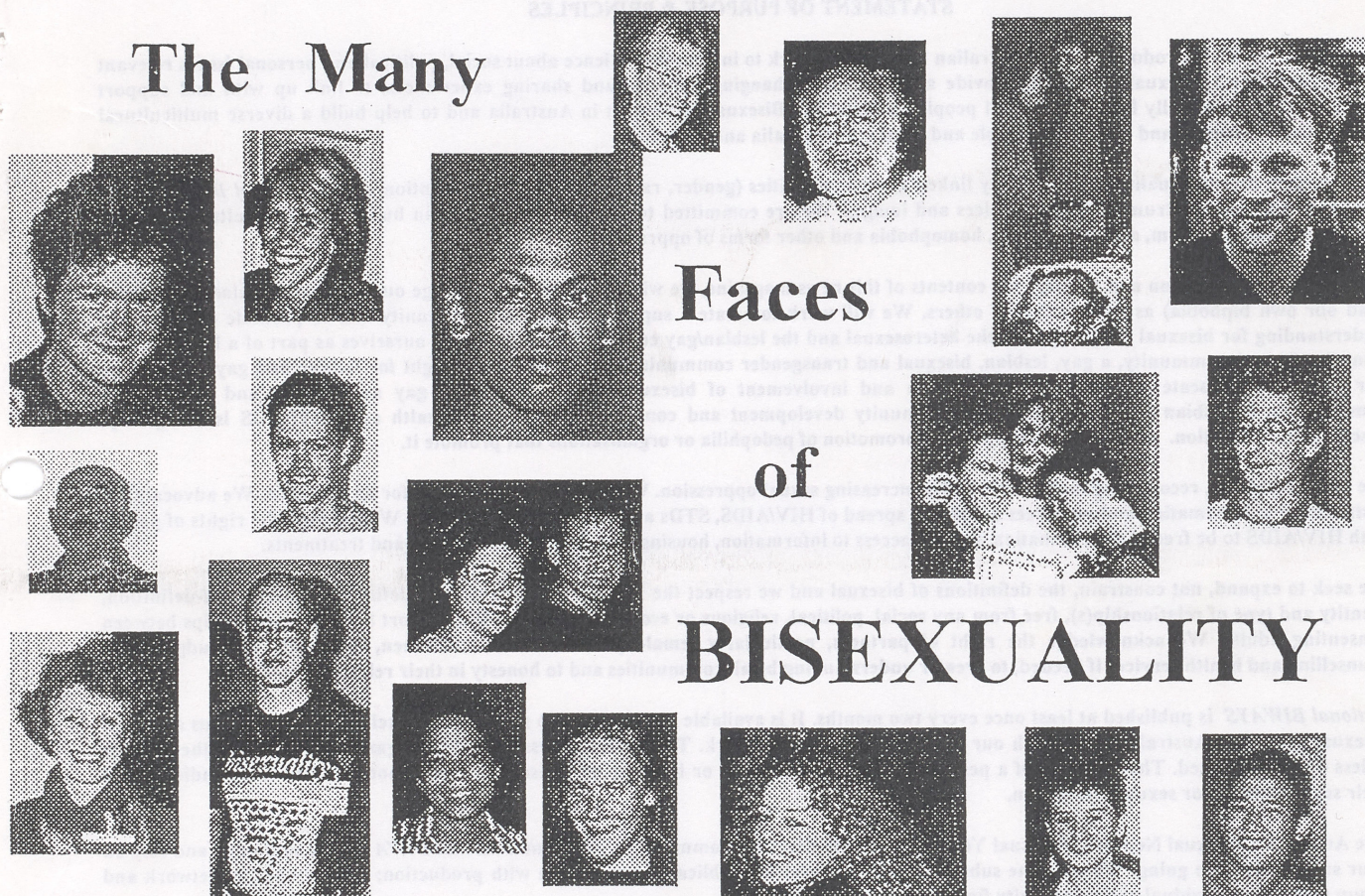
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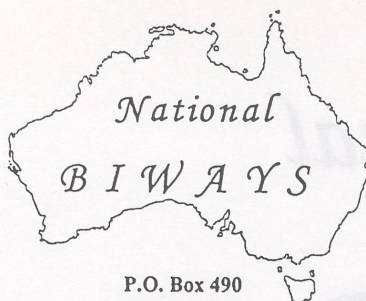
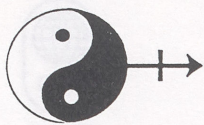


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BIACT-L List, AusGBLF List, BiWorld List, OzBi List and others on the Internet.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia and elsewhere.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT



Welcome. Well it has been an interesting, exciting and fantastic last two months, for me anyhow, and hopefully for you too. My personally financed trip to Berlin to attend, and present at, the 4th International Bisexual Symposium, also took me to Rome, London, Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Copenhagen. I met bisexual people in all these cities, some out, some not, some involved with bisexual groups, some all alone, some wanting friendship and some wanting sex. On my return from Berlin I went to Singapore and Perth where I also met up with more bisexual people.

In Berlin, the host network for the conference, BINE, made a tremendous effort to make all the speakers and attendees welcome and to accommodate the out of town and overseas visitors. One of the organisers, Peter Bell, seemed to be found behind every counter, bar and table, working hard from early morning until late at night. Final figures showed there were over 550 people registered with some that also sneaked in. This was the largest international Bi conference so far held. The theme of the Symposium was "The Many Faces of Bisexuality". You can view some of the 'many faces of bisexuality' on our cover and on the special pictorial pages in this issue.

Much was achieved at this conference, networking with Bi people from countries and regions where no formal Bi group or community exists, establishing the international Bi networking internet list - BiWorld, the setting up in principle of a Fund to assist bisexuals from developing countries attend the next conference in Boston in 1998 and the Bisexuality and AIDS forum.

The Conference inspires one to want to again pursue, the concept of an Australian National Bisexual Conference. I was told in Berlin of the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras vote to "exclude" bisexuals from automatic membership. How dare they I said at the time. But what if a national Bi conference was held in Sydney during the 1997 Mardi Gras Festival and included in the Festival program. Now that would be something. What do the readers think? Please do send us your letters on this or e-mail us and we will print some of the comments in the next issue. You can find out more about the Mardi Gras decision in the story below.

Well folks, one is entitled to dream of the day when we might be as advanced a Bisexual Community as those I have experienced in some of the cities of Europe and also in the USA to come together on issues of importance and to organise our own conference. Hope you enjoy this issue of *National Biways*. Wayne.

The Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Vote !

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd. Held a special meeting of members at the end of April to discuss who should be allowed membership of the organisation. Only members can buy tickets to the two big dance parties, the Sleaze Ball held in October and the Mardi Gras Party held at the conclusion of the Mardi Gras Festival following the Parade in early March. Sydney members are entitled to purchase up to 5 tickets each while country, interstate and overseas members can purchase only one ticket. A vote taken at the 1995 AGM was inconclusive and no final decision was taken.

At the special meeting of members it was resolved to grant automatic membership to any person who identifies on their application form that they are gay, homosexual, lesbian or transgendered. Membership would not be automatic for people identifying as bisexual, straight or heterosexual. My understanding is that these applicants must prove why a membership

should be granted. Who makes that decision and if there is any appeal process, is not clear at this time.

Both bisexuals and straights were previously quizzed about their commitment to the Gay and Lesbian Community and the aims of SGLMG before membership was granted. Some people were rejected while others gave up in frustration at the sometimes extensive delays or questioning. It would appear the formalising of this policy, was to satisfy those in the GL Community who have been calling for a ban on straights and bis or on heterosexual affection/activity at the parties.

The Media proclaimed "Mardi Gras Bans Bisexuals and Straights from Membership". In fact bisexuals and straights are excluded from automatic membership but may still be granted membership. And Mardi Gras told ABN last year that they do not discriminate on the grounds of a person's sexuality. (Continued next page)

Mardi Gras Vote continued from previous page.

ABN finds the new membership rules discriminatory and unacceptable. I am a member or at was. I have not received any renewal notice so far.

is will do is force bisexual and maybe straight to say they are gay or lesbian. The SGLMG is people into another closet when they should be

encouraging people to come out of the closet and be part of the community.

If you are presently a member or apply for membership and identify as bisexual ABN would like to hear of any problems, rejection of membership or non-renewal of your membership.

International News

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Pride in The Philippines.

ampo attended the Gay & Lesbian Pride Manila on Saturday, June 22nd and he was a blast. It got a lot of media coverage 3 television stations were there."

viewed with my current partner (he came last June 11) simply because we caught attention by walking hand in hand. They've joined the parade and we answered: and I am lesbian." Daniel reported in his ge to ABN.

ued saying, "No, kidding aside, I elf as Bisexual and this even got them and they asked if that's a problem with se not!"

only problem was that his friends and prepared and that when it was shown the Monday following the March, he his mom for being stupid and not repercussions of what he did... Daniel said, "What people think family, I think. Oh well..."

June 27th, a special on a features about the Pride March and there, view with Daniel and Jorgen was did not tell his family to watch it! n expect some photographs of the future for inclusion in National ward to them.

The new Bisexual activists emerging in the support mailing list for National Airways

NSW may get Same Sex Partnership Law.

Dominic O'Grady reported in the Sydney Star Observer on June 20th that New South Wales Attorney General, Jeff Shaw was about to present a proposal to the ALP Caucus that would recognise same sex partnerships. Sources close to the Government said Shaw will table the legislation in Parliament during the September session. It is likely to take the form of a Domestic Relationships Act. If approved, same sex couples will win the same rights as heterosexual de-facto couples in areas such as property rights, inheritance, bail, compensation claims and decisions related to hospital care and treatment

This follows on the heels of the smooth passage of April's groundbreaking amendment of Probate Laws in the Australian Capital Territory which recognise same sex partnerships for the first time in Australia and the passage of the Transgender Anti-Discrimination Act in May by the NSW Parliament.

With the endorsement of the Caucus, the legislation is expected to pass the Lower House but will need the support of the minor parties to pass through the Upper House.

In another SSO story, Ben Widdicombe reports that should the legislation fail to gain support, Independent MP Clover Moore could present her own Bill. Moore presented a document to a recent gay and lesbian community forum and invited comment. The paper proposes a Significant Personal Relationships Act which would give rights to "the primary relationships" of a number of unmarried NSW citizens including lesbians, gay men and heterosexuals.

This would also cover bisexual relationships. ABN has requested a copy of the paper, *When Private Matters Become Public Issues*, written by Moore adviser, Larry Galbraith. For a copy of the paper call Moore's Bligh electorate office on (02) 360 3053.

South Africa Moves Ahead, While the USA Lags Behind.

Bearpaw Mc Donald, USA bisexual activist reported on the internet's bisexual activist list, BIACT-L, of two legislative moves on opposite sides of the Atlantic.

On Wednesday, May 8th, 1996, South Africa adopted it's permanent post-apartheid constitution. This is, of course, wonderful news in it's own right, but it's also relevant to this list -- according to the CNN, the South African bill of rights bans discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, pregnancy, marital status, and ... sexual orientation.

(Meanwhile, in "the land of the free and the home of the brave" ...)

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - A bill to keep states from being forced to recognize marriages between people of the same sex was introduced in both chambers of Congress Wednesday.

The bill was prompted by a pending legal case in Hawaii that may result in that state recognizing same-sex marriages. Under the U.S. Constitution, the other 49 states would have to accept those marriages as valid.

Canada Outlaws Sexuality Discrimination.

Matt Evans reported on the BIACT-L list of an admendment to Canada's Human Rights Act which added sexual orientation to the list of grounds prohibiting discrimination.

On Thursday, May 9, 1996, the House of Commons in Ottawa officially passed an amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act. This amendment adds "sexual orientation" to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination under the act. This means that no person can be denied employment or goods and services provided by federally funded programs, federally regulated agencies, or the federal government itself because of their sexual orientation.

The vote was a "free vote", which means that members were allowed to vote their conscience rather than following party lines. The debate in the last 9 days has been fast and furious, at some times controversial, and very emotional. Several members of parliament were disciplined for making derogatory remarks, and a number have put their foot in their mouth this week.

Amongst the ridiculous allegations the members arguing against put forward were allegations that a bill to protect people's sexual orientation would protect pedophiles. Another MP, a doctor, also stated that he would not be voting for this amendment because in his terms, "It promotes an unhealthy lifestyle." At different

points in the debate, the MP's even resorted to shooting biblical arguments back and forth across the house, enraging church groups on both sides of the debate.

"What a week", sighed Prime Minister Jean Chretien, "What a week."

Tasmania Rejects Gay Law Reform Again.

Once again, the Tasmanian Legislative Council has rejected gay law reform.

The Upper House voted 11 to 7 against the Greens-sponsored bill, which would have effectively removed legal sanctions against homosexual sex.

The move may well set up the trigger for another general election in Tasmania, as the House of Assembly had previously indicated to the Legislative Council that it would not consider any further modifications to the bill, which enjoyed support from all parties (the Liberals were given a conscience vote on the issue).

The Legislative Council has itself rejected the proposal for a referendum on the issue, as it believes the federal privacy legislation would override any referendum result anyway. However, it believes the legislation should remain so as to prevent outbreaks of HIV and the teaching of homosexual activity in schools. It believes the proposed bill was a forerunner to an allegedly "much more sinister agenda of same-sex marriages and adoptions by homosexual couples".

From AusGBLF List by Tony Hobbs

Calling Perth Bisexuals.

A group (well three) of us WA Bi's got together for a meal with Wayne Roberts (Australian Bisexual Network) when he passed through Perth on his way home to Brisbane. We had a great time and it was good to meet some other Bi's and we were sorry more ABN people could not make it. We were thinking of getting together on a fairly informal basis and having the odd meal, or drink, since none of us want to loose touch.

I was thinking of organising something arround the 15th to 20th of July and I was wondering if any Bi's out there in WA would be interested in coming along, or interested in talking about something at another time (Movies, Coffee, whatever).

Interested? Drop me some mail, or post a response to Andrew Bloomer, c/- WABN, PO Box 1167 Canning Vale, WA 6155
or e-mail to: ajb@bloomer.echidna.id.au

New Book Says Bisexual Men Don't Exist.

Looks like BiNet USA and all other rapid response folks need to get hold of the latest *Advocate* and upcoming (June 13) book by Chandler Burr, "A Separate Creation -- The Search for the Biological Origins of Sexual Orientation". Here are some outtakes (without the accompanying charts) from the *Advocate* excerpts about geneticists Dean Hamer and Angela Pattatucci and their team at the National Institutes of Health trying to determine a genetic base for sexual orientation -- they've decided bi men don't genetically exist, and only 1.5 percent of the women are genetically bi.

"...Was it merely a culturally created mirage, something that looked genetic but wasn't?... To (find out), he had to determine whether 'human sexual orientations' is a 'continuous' trait, expressed across a range, or a 'bimodal' trait, basically either/or.

"...Hamer and Pattatucci began the painstaking job of sketching sexual orientation's distribution curve by finding subjects, gay and straight (GN notes: Note the writer does not say bi), and asking carefully designed questions: Was the person sexually attracted or oriented to men or women or both? Romantically? Had he or she always felt this way? How consistently...?

"(The result:) 'It's bimodal,' (Hamer) said" -- 95 percent of all humans are straight, and 5 percent are homosexual. "Kinsey's rather vague notion was that everyone is born essentially bisexual, but if that were true, human sexual orientation should be a bell curve. In fact, we now know that the Kinsey scale -- at least as far as it decrees a bell curve distribution -- is basically a dead model because it doesn't reflect reality. Sexual orientation isn't a continuous bell. It is a bimodal J, particularly for men." GN notes: In other words, if you graph this on a chart, it looks like a backward J and in the case of men, like an L ... the tall leg is the 95% of men who say they are exclusively attracted to women, and 5% say they are only attracted to men. According to these U.S. government researchers, all men who identified as bi were actually gay and coming out, and not really attracted -- read on!:

"...Sexual orientation actually has not one but two distribution curves, and they are divided not as many would expect, between gays and straights, but between men and women....

"'Sexual orientation in men,' human geneticist Richard Pillard once joiked... 'isn't really a J curve. It's more like an L' Men show such an extreme either/or distribution that it is almost completely bimodal, gay or straight. There are effectively no male bisexuals -- a finding other researchers have confirmed repeatedly, most recently Michael Bailey and Nick Martin, who had a sample size greater than 2,000.

"'People get upset about this,' says Hamer, 'but of the few men who said, even insisted, they were bisexual and made their case with the fact that they were also sleeping with women -- which is just behavior, not orientation -- it quickly became clear with most that they were really attracted only to men but were coming out and felt more comfortable calling themselves bisexual than gay. As a geneticist, to be blunt, I don't really give a damn what label anyone uses or even what they do or with whom. I care about what they feel inside. That's it. Because that is sexual orientation. In fact, instead of asking for example, 'Are you gay or straight?' I asked, 'How do you ID yourself on this scale?' ... I didn't tell these men to answer 0 or 6. It's just that almost all of them did. Am I supposed to pretend the trait is continuous?"

"Women on the other hand, have... a real J (curve)... Women do something men virutally never do: They move along the curve between straight, bisexual and gay. Says Pattatucci (GN: a geneticist who later is identified in the book excerpt as a lesbian): 'If you track 100 men, after a few year, maybe -- maybe -- one will have moved. Just a little. Maybe. With 100 women, it's almost certain a number will move. ... And when the women do move, they tend not to go drastically from a 6 to a 0 but maybe from 6 to 3 or 2 to 4. ... A relatively small number of women will say in the interview 'I'm not a lesbian I just fell in love with this one woman....' and it's apparent that their feelings are, by pretty much every measurement, basically heterosexual....'

"Pattatucci does not include these women in the study ... She also excludes what she genially refers to as 'political lesbians' -- women 'who identify themselves as lesbian for political reasons with little or no evidence of a romantic or sexual attraction to other women. ... Am I sympathetic to those goals (liberation, equality, etc.) on a political leve? I absolutely am. I'm a woman, and I'm a lesbian. But I am also a geneticist, and that is the context in which I operate here. I'm researching a scientific question, not a political one.'

"Hamer adds, 'There are no "political gay men."'

"The research indicates that sexual orientation is very much NOT a complex trait. And this is a politically difficult fact, since it point at our being able to find the gene much soon than we had anticipated -- and to alter it medically."

The book is being published by Hyperion. The way I read the excerpt, none of the bi men out there are genetically bi, and only 1.5 percent of the women are. (The study I guess only looks at Americans, but they're tracking a gene, so theoretically, their honing process is culture-blind, or at least enough so that they can isolate THE gene, and not a series of genes, which they previously thought would be the case -- that sexual attraction is much "simpler" genetically than first thought.) There will be a lot of attention next week and

thereafter on this finding -- what does it do to the bi movement? How will gays and straights use this "information" against us? Discount us? I can stamp my little foot and turn blue in the face saying, "But I really AM attracted to both and I really AM REAL," but then

the general public will cluck and say, "But the geneticists say...." So... where do we go from here?

Post to BIACT-L by Gary North, BiNet USA co-coordinator.

Getting into the World of IRC.

For those who are totally new to IRC: IRC is short for Internet Relay Chat and it is basically a method for lots and lots of people to talk to each other just like you would on 1-900 phone lines in the States or other pay-numbers elsewhere in the world, that allow you to talk with more than one person at a time.

In order to get on IRC you need to have an IRC client program. If you log onto a unix system at work/university or if you have a login-account with your internet provider, you can probably get on irc by typing 'irc' at the command prompt. If you are using a SLIP or PPP account, meaning that you make a connection and can then use software that is installed locally on your own computer, you should download a client program.

One of the bigger archives for IRC related information and an excellent place to find all kinds of client programs is the DeadelviS site. Just point your web-browser (such as Netscape) to http://www.eyecandy.com/de_ftp.html and follow the links.

Via the links, or directly at http://www.eyecandy.com/de_ef.html you can find information on EFnet. The link to the serverlist provides you with a list of available servers. Try to use a server that is close to you (same country or state). Servers outside your country or state may be configured not to let you in. You will get a message that you aren't authorized to use that server and you'll have to choose another one.

The trick of IRC is that the client program on your side sets up a connection with an IRC-server. Many clients can connect to the same server at one time, but in order to make it even more interesting, there are hundreds of servers, spread all over the world, that are linked together. A group of IRC-servers that is connected to each other is called an IRC network. The three major IRC networks are EFNet, Undernet and DALNet. More information can, again, be found at the first abovementioned website.

Popular IRC client programs are: mIRC for Windows 3.11 and Windows 95; Homer or IRCLE for the Macintosh and ircII for Linux and other flavours of Unix. DeadelviS however has many more clients available.

Because all these programs have their own way of storing default settings, it's kind of difficult to explain how you would exactly get the connection set up with a specific client, but mostly the menus in the programs are selfexplanatory, or the on-line help or provided manuals can tell you what to do.

Hope this helps,
Maurice Snellen (Dutch Bisexual Network)

VOTE PINK

Why wait until the next state election?

Tell politicians what we want now...
and see if they deliver!!!

You are invited to a facilitated community action planning day at Warilda Conference Centre, 84 Kedron Park Road, Woolloowin on Saturday 20 July from 10.00am - 3.00pm.

To identify the priority action areas for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Queensland

To compile a report of these for our communities to confront the Ministers and Opposition spokespeople initially in the portfolios of Justice and Attorney-General, Health and Family Services

To discuss options for feedback and lobbying of the politicians

To register leave your name and number/s and your attendance will be recorded on 07 3289 1081 or 07 3356 7003

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Fund Raising: Looking Ahead to Boston in 1998.

This is a post about fundraising. I have two requests and a suggestion:

1) Please read this post, even if you are thinking something like "I can't fundraise" or "fundraising is not for me" or "how can I fundraise when I'm not really out" etc. 2) Please respond to this post. I raise issues here that may be very personal for people. You do not need to respond personally, or in any specific way, but it is important that we each include ourselves in this conversation. Many of us have had, or are having, difficult experiences and situations involving money. In many cultures money is a very intimate topic, discussed less than sex or death. We cannot achieve anything without money. Although there is plenty of money in the world, to direct sufficient amounts toward our shared goals we will need to confront our fears and misgivings about money. Ignoring or opting out of the conversation entirely is the one act that will ensure its failure to accomplish much. So I ask each of you, in your own way, even if your response is that you don't value or want this conversation, to please respond. 3) Although you can respond in any way you like, I'd like to suggest two types of thoughts to include in your response. (a) Respond to the specific ideas in this post, any of them, on context, goals, strategy, or anything else. Agree, disagree, offer your own ideas, etc. (b) Share your experiences of yourself as a donor or fundraiser, for any cause, positive or negative. For most people on this list, if you think hard enough you can remember something you did (or many things) that involved donating or fundraising. Not volunteering, which is vital and can be wonderful, but financial fundraising or donating, which involve money. Although this is an activist list, personal sharing is important if we are to create a powerful context around financial participation. Although the focus of this conversation is the global travel fund, what we learn from each other and ourselves here can help us in all of our fundraising and other activities.

1. Context: Fundraising and donating can be a nurturing, positive, inclusive experience. Good fundraising does not exclude anyone, and does not involve judging people by their wealth, income, or ability to contribute. Good fundraising values the place from which the money is donated as much as the amount of the money. Here are some basic contextual ideas about fundraising, sort of "rules to live by:"

Three rules of fundraising: 1. Ask for the money. 2. Ask only people who are whole, complete, sufficient, and able to make a contribution. 3. Ask everyone. Although these need no explanation, I will share that people who have worked with the poorest of the world's poor for many years have told me that the one thing that you cannot take away from a poor individual is their right to contribute to others, which many of them value very highly and practice regularly.

Most important secret of effective fundraising: Make sure that your own contribution is enough to excite you, right now. Second most important secret: It's not the absolute amount contributed that matters most. It's the amount contributed relative to the donor's circumstances. A small child who gives one dollar (yen, peso, whatever) can have more impact than a billionaire who gives \$1000.

2. Goals: We need to have a goal in order to work effectively together and succeed. We may end up raising more or less than the goal, but being committed to the goal and working to meet or exceed it will help us greatly. If we use the two persons from each of nine continents/areas suggested, that means funding travel for about 18 people. Now, we may get none from some areas, more from others, or we may divide the world differently. For those who need it, I suggest we try to offer as complete assistance as we can. Even if all expenses are paid or donated (such as housing) for these people, they may still have the expenses of lost income, etc. So I think something like \$1500 - \$3000 per person for airfare and other expenses is probably not too much. For 18 people that means \$27000 to \$54,000 total. If we can fund more than 18 people, that would be great. So I propose we set a goal of raising \$50,000. If we have any that cannot be used by the people who are coming from those areas, it can either help fund the conference or act as seed money for travel to the next international conference. If we commit to this goal and organize ourselves to reach it, this will greatly help efforts to generate participants from underrepresented areas.

3. Resources and strategy: One of our greatest resources is the 600 (I think someone posted this number; I did not attend) people who attended IBIS '96. They are inspired by the experience of the conference and likely want to share it with others and make it more widely available the next time around. If each of 600 people raised and/or donated \$100 over the next 18 months, we would have \$60,000 raised by early 1998! So, I suggest that we mail to these people a request that they do just that. I can help by providing fundraising guidance materials for the mailing. In fact, if we suggest that each person attempt to contribute and/or fundraise \$10 per month for the next 10 months, those who accept can reach their goals by next summer. We can set up various kinds of support to help people.

Second, we should try to make it possible for people to take a tax-write-off for their contributions in countries where this is feasible. In the USA, I think as long as contributions are channeled through BiNet USA, which is a legally tax-exempt non-profit, they will be deductible. This can be done whether or not BiNet USA actually administers the fund. I do not know if this exists in other countries or how it works.

Third, I suggest that those of us who are willing and able to contribute larger amounts do so in a specific way, by matching the donations of others. I will volunteer to be the first "Country Matcher." For the first \$1000 contributed in the USA for this fund between now and Sept 1, 1997, I will contribute equal matching funds on Sept 1, 1997 (up to \$1000). I invite others in the USA to pledge matching funds for the money that comes in after the first \$1000. I invite those in other countries to pledge matches for donations in your countries. Each matching donor can specify the terms of her or his match. I suggest you that match monies received, not pledged. Matching pledges can greatly encourage the donors and fundraisers in your country (including yourself).

And now for some closing thoughts on context.

WHAT IS A FUNDRAISER? -- Someone who expresses their commitment in a way that enables others to experience their own commitment. -- Someone who then asks people for money, and allows them to give it. THAT'S IT.

Fundraising for Bi causes can result in people coming further out, which is usually a good thing. But there are risks involved, and we each need to assess them for ourselves. Anyone can participate in this fundraising campaign without coming any further out than they already are, if that is how they choose to participate. The campaign does provide, as good fundraising always does, opportunities to expand the quality and effectiveness of our activism and our lives. Here are some useful affirmations, things to say repeatedly so that you can incorporate them into your way of being:

I AM A FUNDRAISER
I CAN PRODUCE MIRACLES
I AM LOVED AND RESPECTED FOR WHO I AM
UNLIMITED RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ME

I AM ENOUGH
WE ARE ENOUGH
THERE IS ENOUGH

Barry Saiff

Letters

Vancouver Calling via the internet.

Hi-this message comes to you guys from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. There are now some new organisations in this province, made up of bi men and women, or just bi men. We meet on a regular basis to discuss our common situations,(a sense of humour is vital here),and give ourselves some space to speak freely. All ages are welcome. We are interested in corresponding with others around the world-any interest from your side?

The group I'm in is not part of any govt funded org at all,we are a new group, rather informal, but do work somewhat in conjunction with the gay community,but do our own thing. We are low profile, re the confidentiality aspect, some of us, (such as me) ,have employers who arent exactly maturely open-minded about some areas of sexuality. We include men and women, and have a great time together, a sense of humour, and total respect to all others in the group is very important. There is a conference coming up in

B.C., which I can tell you about later. I am sending you my address,the point being that if you or others in your org are in Vancouver in the near future, I want you to call.

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IBIS'96 Report Now on Web.

An HTML'ized version of my IBIS report, being one including the pictures I used for our Dutch magazine (Bi-Nieuws) is now available via my homepage:

<http://www.globalxs.nl/lnbi/Kiap/>
(mind the capital K)

The page looks even better than the magazine, because the magazine is b/w and on the web I can of course use colors.

CU, Maurice Snellen.

Letter From Cuba.

Dear Friends

I just got your address and I have decided to write to you. But first let me introduce myself.

I am a 33 years old Cuban university student. I am mulat (black). I weigh 60 kg and I am 1.70cm tall. My hobbies are listening to music (Michael Jackson), practicing and watching sports, movies and learning foreign languages, (I have already studied English, French, Russian and I am finishing German). Of course I am bisexual, that's why I've decided to write to you.

We don't have any publications about that in Cuba - I mean about sex, homosex, bisex, etc - and it's very important to me to get your magazine. Could you please send me an issue of your magazine?

On the other hand I would like you to publish my address in your magazine in order to start a correspondence with bisexuals that read your magazine.

Also I would like you, if possible, to publish my ad in your ad section.

If you answer my letter, next time I will write you a longer (letter) and I will tell you about the homo and bisexual communities in Holguin.

Sincerely yours

Pedro

P.S. Holguin is the 4th city in Cuba with 340 000 inhabitants. It is 700 km east from Havana. They play baseball, football and basketball here. There are many high institutes: Medicine, University, Teachers' Physical Education, etc.

Please answer me and send me an issue of your magazine.

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Letter from Armenia.

MY RESPECTFUL ORGANIZATION :

I hopelessly try to call your attention and tell a little about me.

I am a GAY. My name is Armen George Nazarian. I was born on the 26th of February, 1966 in Yerevan, Armenia. I am armenian. I have black eyes, black hair, pleasant, intellectual, kind, gentle, romantic, careful and full of patience. I am Christian. I am fond of art, travelling, nature and everything which is beautiful. I take and respect all kinds of pleasure. I have wide views (erotics, sex). I live alone. I am producer. My hobby is to become a photomodel and the cover of fashion.

In present I am the president of "AGN" International Club of Acquaintance (the activity of firm is information, advertisement, printing center and International Club of Acquaintance).

I have been in many countries, such as Canada, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Russia, Romania, Greece and so on. I have a lot of friends.

Besides of being a businessman and an interesting person, I am a GAY (passive). I am not afraid or ashamed of being a GAY and I don't try to hide it. I want to turn to such kind of organizations, firms, associations and clubs to help and to support such clever men, who were ignored and criticized during 70 years all over the former Soviet Union (in present CIS). I want to live in freedom, to speak and to act freely, and not to be ignored and hated.

I will be very thankful if You help me to get rid of this problem and to find a close friend, lifemate not only in Europe, but all over the world. Otherwise I can be lost ..

I am looking for a true, intimate, sensitive, active man for friendship, intimate relation and firm link. And I promise to do everything to make my future friend the happiest man of the world, to present him quietness and relaxation.

I'd like to inform that there aren't any GAY and LESBIAN associations and never have been.

Though, there are co-thinkers, but to organize such association with legal status, we can only dream. Here, this natural thing isn't admitted and understood. The information about homosexuality is very abrupt and unadmitted. Nowhere is spoken and clarified about sex art and technics, AIDS, because of it's prohibition. It's natural, that there aren't any GAY bars, discotecks, hotels, saunas and etc. It's a great pity, but it's a fact. I would like to take part in GAY and LESBIAN associations' conferences, congresses, forums and etc.

I would like to be the first representative from Armenia. I'd like to have much information, to get a part of your journals, magazines and in the case of possibility to publish my articles with the themes of real facts in your newspapers. I am also a journalist. I'd like to work in GAY and sex saunas, bars, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and so on.

I'd like to know about your country, your culture and art, and of course about people of your country. I think that our cooperation will be very useful. The times have changed and the very moment of our closeness comes, we can make suggestions, solve many problems, at last, do kind work. For this I need an invitation for it, which I haven't, and if you help me with this problem I'll be very thankful to you. That's why I call your attention, I turn to your organization, I beg you to help me and to invite me even for the short period. You know, the spiritual suffering is more painful than physical. Write about me in your respectful newspapers and bulletins, and let the people know the little GAY, who is so close to you and so far away in the dark, who is looking for the light and hope.

It's a pity, that I'm writing with the help of translator, because I'm just learning the language, my languages are armenian and russian. But I am sure that it will not prevent, because it's a temporary problem.

I hope later, I'll have much information to inform. That's all. I wish you health and success. I wait for your answer impatiently.


Thank You in advance.
With best regards

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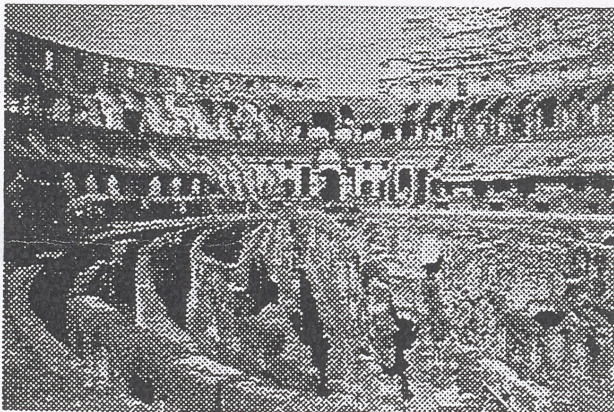
My European Travelogue and IBIS'96.

Well, many of you were aware that I (Wayne Roberts) left Australia for Europe on April 19th en-route to Berlin to attend the 4th International Bisexual Symposium. I would like to tell you a little about that trip, the groups and people I met and the conference in Berlin. I will conclude with a little bit on my stop-overs in Singapore and Perth.

The first leg of my trip took me to Rome where I only spent two days for a brief look around. I stayed at the YHA in Rome which could have been a boarding school for young adolescents with its rules and restrictions. The doors were locked at Midnight and I don't just mean the outside door. People were told to vacate the TV room and the foyer area and go to bed. The doors to the men's and women's dorms were then locked. A couple of guys must have been bored one night because there was a used condom floating in one of the toilet bowls one morning.

Like most big railway stations, Rome's Central Railway Station, was a big cruising ground for men seeking other men and young men out to make some money from sex with others. Young men would stand quite blatantly outside the toilets watching and then following men into the toilets. Yes, I was approached but did not take up the offer. I was not so good next time I was at the station. I met this bisexual guy who invited me to go with him to somewhere quiet. Not the sort of thing you should really do. You could be hit over the head and robbed even killed. The guy seemed genuine so I followed. I will not go into details here but want to get the point across how dangerous this could actually be. He lead me through the railway yard and onto one carriage of a parked series of passenger carriages. The doors were open and no one was about. Later on we heard a noise and as we were getting dressed we hurried and went to get off the carriage. He got off okay but as I went to step out the electronic doors started to close. I just squeezed out in time.

On the Saturday night I went looking for one of the bars/clubs I had been told about. Unfortunately it was not open when I arrived and did not open until after 11pm so I knew I would be locked out of the hostel until morning. It soon became packed and had quite a good atmosphere and music. I stayed until it closed then walked the streets looking for any other club open but alas I had to settle for a coffee shop. Slept that cold, drizzly night or what was left of it on a concrete bench at the station. Later that day I went wandering around the Colosseum and the other Roman ruins. In the afternoon, I met for coffee, Tommaso, a gay guy I had corresponded with on the internet. I had an interesting ride around Rome streets on the back of his Harley. That night I drank bourbon with an Aussie girl and a Brazilian guy at the hostel until lock-up time.



The Colossium



And Me.

From Rome I flew to London and stayed with my good friend, Zaidie whom I first met at the 3rd International Conference to Celebrate Bisexuality in New York in 1994. I spent two weeks in London meeting people connected with the Bi movement and Bi research, attending London Bi Group meetings, visiting sites of interest such as Windsor Castle and seeing Bi friends. The London Group meetings are interesting and the people interesting and diverse in origins and backgrounds. Quite a few are from other countries and now live or study in London. One of their social meetings was an "underwear" night. This was quite good fun. After meetings they all go to one of the local pubs and the place is just full of bisexuals. Quite a change from the pubs here even when we plan a pub night, we are still a minority.

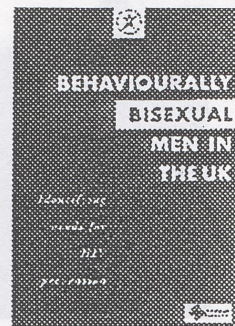
I also met with some of the people that put together *Bi Community News* and was later interviewed for their June issue. Also connected with some of those who produced *Bisexual Horizons* and with people from Bisexuals and Sexual Health (BASH) and a researcher from Sigma, the HEA funded body that just released a study, *Behaviourally Bisexual Men In The UK*.



Zaidie in London.



Bi Community News Volunteers.

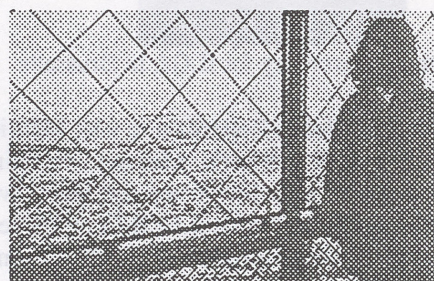


A copy now in our collection.

I also kept up a good entertainment calendar while in London going to the nightclubs and pubs, Heaven, GAY, Central Station, and the Aussie Pub. Zaidie and I also went to see the film, *Jeffrey*. I met up with Art who worked in AIDS research previously and he was kind enough to take me on a tour of the historically wonderful Windsor Castle.

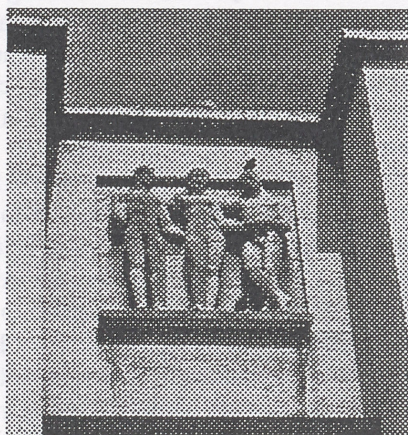
On May 4th I arrived in Paris after coaching it from London via Dover. Made my way to one of the YHA centres via the Metro system and after freshening up, went looking for this big nightclub called the Palace. And boy, was it a cold, wet and breezy night. After finding the club, I had to wait almost 2 hours before it opened and I made my way down the line of people to the entrance only to be turned away. Seems many others did not meet the standards or know the nancy boy on the door. And I say nancy boy because most of those who got in knew him and would come up and kiss him. The rest of us were ushered away by the big bouncers at the wave of his hand. It was outside here that I got talking to this Romanian guy, cause, well, he spoke English and most of the French could not or would not. This guy, Stefan, took me to another club a street away, where he knew the person on the door. Stayed there until 3am when a strong desire to sleep eventually won out. Stefan, a bisexual guy, from Braila, Romania wanted to come back with me, but I had to disappoint him because I could not take him back to the hostel. We did exchange addresses though.

Next day I walked all over Paris and made my way to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Fuck, what a view and a thrill that was. After more wandering and photo taking, I headed off the find this drinking hole called, Bar Bi. I had been told about it in London by a French guy at the Bi Group. Eventually found it and despite it being well patronised, it came across more gay than bi and there we few women. A notice on the front window encouraged women to come in so at least it wasn't a men only bar. I did have a pleasant evening there, chatting with a few guys and one woman. The barman however did assure me that the intention of the name was bisexual bar.

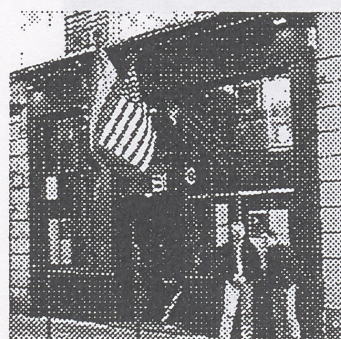


Me up top the Eiffel Tower.

Next day it was a move to another YHA hostel closer in then more sightseeing. That evening I teamed up with two German brothers from the hostel, Thorsten and Thimo, to go out to a pub for a drink. Later we made it a bit of a night drinking down a bottle of brandy at the hostel.



Some Bisexual artwork at Palais de Chaillot, Paris.



Bar Bi, 23 rue St. Croix de la Bretonnerie, Paris.



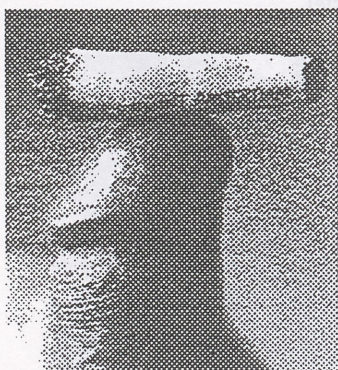
German brothers, Thorsten & Thimo, very bi-friendly.

Meanwhile Andy returned and we had a drink and discussed ILGA issues and the forthcoming IBIS in Berlin. Later we went back upstairs and Erwin and I went down for a drink and chat. We made arrangements to meet later in the evening for something to eat and Erwin would show me around a bit. We had a pleasant night out in Brussels but boy it was cold. Next day it was put my hiking boots on again to wander around the city. I met Erwin that evening for a meal and some drinks at one or two clubs. I think I had convinced Erwin to attend IBIS and with ILGA's blessing.



Erwin, Dutch Bi working for ILGA in Brussels.

From Brussels, I headed to Rotterdam to visit Maurice of the Dutch Bisexual Network. Maurice was kind enough to let me stay with him when the hostel was full up. He took me out to the local GLB Centre where they have a bar and meeting rooms. Next day we met up with other members of the Rotterdam Bi Group and we all went out for a meal. I would see Maurice again in Berlin along with others from the Dutch Bi Network. Maurice showed me his computer empire, the heart of the new BiWorld international networking list.



From the "I enjoin Amsterdam" Postcard

In Brussels, I again stayed at the YHA and went out to find the ILGA office and say hello to administrator, Andy and Erwin who was on work experience with ILGA. It was soccer fever everywhere as a big Euro Cup match was on that evening. The police were out in huge numbers, in riot gear, in armoured vehicles, a real military style operation. I found the office, several floors above a gay pub. Erwin was there working and had only been reading our May-June issue of National Biways that day. Erwin is bisexual. We arranged to meet for a drink when he finished.

From Rotterdam I caught a train to Amsterdam, booked in to one of the YHA hostels near the centre of town and had a well deserved sleep in the afternoon. It was then time to head out for something to eat and check out some of the famous Coffee Shops. Teamed up with Mike from Canada and hit the streets for the famous Bull Dog. Boy, oh boy, what a niiiice place. Managed to find our way back through the red light district to the hostel before the lock out time. New day it was see some of Amsterdam and smoke some, see some and smoke some. Visited Homodoc Archives at the Uni & left a copy of Biways. Went to a gay bar near the hostel the night before I was to bus to Denmark. Got into a few drinks with with a couple of guys and ended up missing the curfew and spent the night at Martin's house and ended up missing my bus again. Spent another two days in Amsterdam before I could get the next Eurolines bus to Copenhagen.

Arrived in Copenhagen, Denmark on the evening of May 16th and contacted my relatives, booked into the YHA, very nice but somewhat isolated. Went over and saw my relatives. Next day went out walking the streets sightseeing and visited the adult cinema called Body Bio. Turns out this is the bisexual men's cinema and sauna. Next day the weather was terrible, cold, wet and windy. Got talking to one of the guys in my room, Kurt, another Canadian, from Vancouver. We headed into the city together by bus after the rain eased and went our separate ways. I headed off to the Botanical Gardens, the old port and the Royal Palaces then to a bar for some drinks. It was the AIDS Memorial Candlelight Vigil and I headed down to the assembly point. They don't have candles here but long fire sticks. After some entertainment, speeches and the reading of names we walked through the narrow streets of old Copenhagen. It was truly a beautiful and sad sight as we remembered people, our partners,

family and friends who have died of AIDS or living with HIV and AIDS.

Back at the hostel the next morning, Kurt asked me what the conference in Berlin was about that I was going to attend. I thought, what the hell and told him it was the International Bisexual Symposium. He said, "the what?" I explained again and he asked when. I told him and asked why, was he bisexual. He said yes. Wow. We talked for most of the morning before going into the city and having a walk around the streets. We later went for a drink and talked some more. It was just so pleasing to find another one of your kind. He was a really nice guy and he was very keen to attend IBIS. We parted in the evening as I went to my

cousin's for dinner. I had decided to leave Copenhagen early because it was so cold and wet. Kurt and I said good bye the next day and I headed for railway station to train it to Berlin.



The AIDS Vigil in Copenhagen on May 18th.

My train arrived in Berlin in the early afternoon at what use to be East Berlin. I went and telephoned my contact person, Peter Bell who gave me instructions on how to get to his apartment. It took me some time to make my way across Berlin on the U- bahn (underground). Arrived there okay and we talked about the forthcoming conference. Arrangements were made for us to meet Gerhard Hoffmann, another organiser of the conference and member of BINE, the German Bisexual Network, for dinner and drinks. The three of us had a very pleasant and informative night. Peter was pressed to find more accommodation for people arriving for the Conference, so I contacted my new friend Thorsten who had invited me to stay when we met in Paris. After two nights with Peter, I moved over to Thorsten's small apartment. I had rung Kurt in Holland and he was arriving, Friday so the next day I went and met him at the station and took him back to Thorsten's where he left his back-pack while we went to register for the Symposium. At the building where the registrations were taking place, I met up with Allison Rowan, and other Bis I knew from previous trips to the USA and UK. Kurt had not yet been found accommodation so we contacted Thorsten who said he could also stay at his apartment. Great guy, as his apartment was only two rooms.

Kurt and I headed off across Berlin to what was the old and stunning pinkish brick East Berlin City Hall where the opening ceremony was taking place. There I met many other people I knew, Robyn, Erwin, Maurice, Ron Fox, Philip (who had visited Australia) and others for the first time. It was a great atmosphere and the warmth and friendship that were to be characteristics of the conference over the coming days had already started. Afterwards a group of us went for a late dinner, drinks and more talking. It was here that I first met Uschi, a German Bi woman from Dortmund.

Saturday and it took us a while to find the right location at Berlin's Free University. We missed the opening plenary so milled around talking to others and working out what sessions and workshops we would attend. I decided to attend Fritz Klein's presentation on the comparison of sexual behaviours between gay, bisexual and straight people. It was a most informative and highly interesting presentation. It looked at 1) affectionate acts, 2) sex acts, 3) anal acts. The men in the sample were subdivided into 1) Straight, 2) Bi-straight, 3) Bi-bi, 4) Bi-gay and 5) Gay. The women were subdivided similarly but there was no Bi-bi group. The difference between groups were rated according to the acts and this revealed some interesting data.

MALE RESPONDENTS TO MEN	Str.	Bi-str.	Bi-bi	Bi-gay	Gay
Affectionate Acts	low	med.	high	high	high
Sex Acts	low	high	high	high	high
Anal Acts	low	med.	med.	med.	med.

MALE RESPONDENTS TO WOMEN	Str.	Bi-str.	Bi-bi	Bi-gay	Gay
Sex Acts	high	high	high	med.	low
Anal Acts	med.	high	med.	med.	Low

The reason Affectionate Acts is not shown for male respondents to women is that there was no significant difference between groups. Gay men were just as affectionate towards women as straight men. A notable difference in the above data is that Bi-straight men have a higher incidence of anal acts with women.

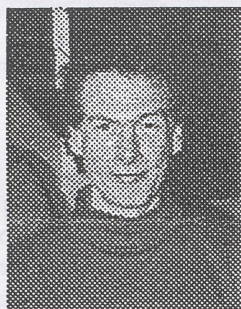
Similarly in the data on the next page, women generally regardless of grouping were affectionate to other women and here too Bi-straight women engaged in more anal acts with men than their sisters in the other groupings.

FEMALE RESPONDENTS TO MEN	Str.	Bi-str.	Bi-bi	Bi-lesb.	Lesbian
Affectionate Acts	med.	med.		med.	med.
Sex Acts	high	high		med.	low
Anal Acts	low	med.		low	low

FEMALE RESPONDENTS TO WOMEN	Str.	Bi-str.	Bi-bi	Bi-lesb.	Lesbian
Sex Acts	low	med.		high	high
Anal Acts	low	low		low	low



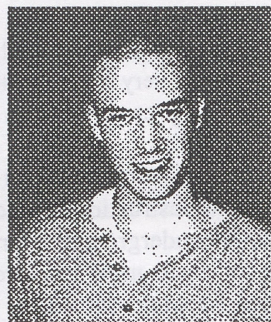
Fritz Klein



Ron Fox



Sue George



Jonathan Eadie



Amity P. Buxton

Following this session, I got caught up in discussions with others about our respective countries, Bi movements etc. Following lunch which involved more networking, I presented a session on the Australian Bi Movement, the Rise of the Sexual Politics and The Right. While not that well attended because there were many other interesting sessions occurring simultaneously, I felt it went well. After I was interviewed for a Norwegian gay magazine about the sexual politics in the gay community and bisexual visibility. The journalist would like to see more Bi inclusion in the Norway gay and lesbian scene so I think it was a good interview.

That night was the Big Bi Party over in the old East Berlin quarter. Kurt and I headed off for it with a few others, meeting more as we went. It was held in a GLBT youth centre which was upstairs bar and cellar dance area. It was packed, and very hot but it was fantastic. I danced and drank beer and chatted a little. I really enjoyed the music and the atmosphere. Later I got talking to Uschi whom I had met the previous night. Well we just hit it off fabulously. Kurt and I left in the early hour because I had a workshop to run at 10am in the morning.

Next morning was the workshop on international networking. Us bleary-eyed bisexuals worked through some important issues and came up with the concept of an international bisexual network called Bi World. Initially this would take the form of 1) an international networking and information sharing Internet list to be set up by Maurice Snellen in Rotterdam to be called BiWorld, 2) an IRC channel also called #biworld to be set up by Linda Eklof in Helsinki and 3) information and news pages on the Bisexual Options Web Pages to be set up by Fritz Klein in San Diego. An international travel assistance fund was proposed to help bisexuals from developing countries, students and those on low incomes get to the next conference in 1998. All in all it was a very satisfying morning and much important work was achieved. The IRC channel will operate on the 1st Saturday of each month from 23 hours (11pm) Central European Time which for some of us will be the following Sunday morning depending on where you live. To set your computer system for IRC see Maurice's article in this issue. There has already been one IRC session and the internet list has been generating some great discussions on the travel assistance fund, fundraising and languages to be used at the next conference (see the electronic mailing lists guide in the Resource Section of this issue on how to join).

After that session I met up with Uschi and we spent the rest of our time in Berlin together. We both got along great with Kurt so we formed an almost in-separable trio over the coming days, becoming very close. We have continued to keep in close contact with each other. We all met many wonderful people, Helge from Wolfegg, Roman from Berlin, Peter, Gerhard, Robin, Jurgen and Sabine of BINE, Linda from Finland, Amity Pierce Buxton, Eric Steinman, Liz, Cinna, Sher, Beth, my good friends, Robyn, Wayne, Ron, Greg, Jan and Lynn from USA, Catherine, Fabrice, Jeremie & Yves from France, Pjotr from Poland, Geoffrey Vine from New Zealand, Kevin, Sue, Claire, Ian, Jo from the UK and many more, some whose photos appear on the coming pages and cover. There was suppose to another Brisbane guy there, Andrew, but we did not bump into each other. It can be a bit difficult when you have over 550 people coming and going over 2 and a half days. Andrew if you are reading this, do get in touch.

Before lunch we had a wonderful time being entertained by the Safer Sex Sluts, Cinna, Liz and Eric who showed us all the wonders and pleasures of safer sex. After the very hands on presentation we all had a chance to check the merchandise out. Ever tried to put a condom on a dick well in this case a dick dildo? It was interesting watching various people have a go. Yours truly was quite successful.



Cinna Stewart



Uschi giving a neck massage to Robyn Ochs



Dennis from IGLYO



Kurt

On the Sunday afternoon, I facilitated a workshop session on Bisexuality and AIDS which gave many of us a chance to talk about what is or is not being done in our communities, regions or countries to provide information and support to bisexual people and to share resources. Countries represented were UK, USA, Germany, Austria and Australia. An informal networking list was drawn up and copied off for circulation to those attending. Afterwards a big group of us went for dinner. I were intending to go to the Bi-Sexy House Acid Techno Party but after dinner Kurt, Uschi and I just went back to Thorsten's for a quiet night and some well earned rest. I was told the party was huge and great fun.



Maurice and Linda



Helge



Roman



Philip



The French contingent at IBIS'96



Greg, Sher, Jan and Lynn of San Diego BiPOL

Monday came and we headed to the University for the closing plenary and to say good bye to all our new friends. There was the thank-yous and presentations, an auction of a painting which used female orgasmic fluids as a base for the paint, an announcement by Wayne Bryant that Boston would host the next

fabulous action-mime performance looking at body language and mood auras we all leave behind and how they affect another person walking through them. It was quite funny. I got up and thanked everybody and spoke briefly on the proposed travel assistance fund. I offered a small Australian Aboriginal painting for auction to kick start the fund. Bidding became brisk as Helge and a German woman bid to secure the artwork. Helge won out with a bid of DM100. I think he handed over everything he had on him right down to the last half mark or so. And so we bid everyone good bye and safe trips home, hoping we would all see each other in Boston in 1998.

For the next 2 to 3 days, Kurt, Uschi and I went sightseeing around Berlin and out to a few bars with Thorsten for some good German beer. It was very sad and moving on Wednesday when we had to part to go home. I left Berlin on Thursday by bus back to London arriving Friday morning. Managed to get along to the London Bi Group social that night to have some ales and say good bye. Zaidie drove me to the airport on Monday where I flew out to Singapore and warmer weather. It was a sad trip, I can tell you.



IBIS'96 organisers & volunteers from BINE.

In Singapore, I met up with Richard from Brunei. ABN has been sending him information. We went out for dinner and a beer that night. Later I went off to one of the "gay bars". There I was approached by a young Malay Singaporean, Sabuni, who turned out to be bisexual. We went off for something to eat and coffee with his friends later in the evening. The next day he came to my hotel and we went to the beach where we met up with more of his friends, most of whom were gay or bi. I had a nice time out that day. Sabuni was going into the military to do his service the next day. For the next day and a bit, I wandered around Singapore taking in the sights and went off to one of the nightclubs on the Thursday. Then it was time to fly to Perth where I was to stay with my ex and meet up with some of our WA members.

It was interesting to be back in Perth after a break of 3 years, to go out, meet people I knew. On the Monday night, Malcolm, David and I met up with Annie, Andrew and Graham for dinner and to talk about the situation in Perth. During the week I also met up with Elaine for lunch and wrote something for Westside Observer, the gay and lesbian newspaper. On the Friday night, David, Andrew and I went to the premier screening of the bisexual comedy film, French Twist. It was really good and the cinema was full so maybe it made a few more people think a little about the fluidity of sexuality. Back to Brisbane Saturday and a return to work and a "normal" life of meetings, preparing Biways, the Pride March and Fair Day etc. Check out our photos of our table at this year's Fair Day. It was a very successful day with lots of interest and thanks to Anthony, Ian, Dik and friend for all your assistance on the day and to Victor and Anthony who ran meetings and attended events in my absence.



Perth Bi Gathering
Back row: Malcolm
Andrew
Wayne
Front row: Graham
Annie

Ian
and
Anthony
at the
Old Pride
Fair Day
ABN
Table
29 June



Premier of
French Twist
in Perth
Fundraiser for
the AIDS Memorial
Park &
Monument.



Wayne at the ABN Table
Pride Fair Day.

ABN MEMBERSHIP

ABN is a national organisation and to seek national support and funding we need not only the support of members but all the other Bisexual people that make contact with ABN. If every bi person that contacts ABN by mail or telephone was to join ABN we would have a membership of many hundreds of women and men and a powerful lobbying tool for seeking national support and funding.

We have a new Federal Government and one that is slashing funding and spending. Prospects may look dim for any grants to come our way but we must continue to lobby for recognition and support. ABN will be making approaches to the new Federal Community Services and Health Minister.

To our members, your continued support is greatly appreciated and to those who are up for membership renewal, we ask you to join up for another year as we need your ongoing support.

If you are a new reader of National Biways, please consider joining ABN as a financial member. You may feel you do not need to become a member of the Australian Bisexual Network, to get involved at even that level but ABN needs you. To receive the respect and recognition of both government & community agencies we need to show we have the support and backing of a diverse Bisexual Community from across the country. For just \$20 a year or \$15 if you are a student, unemployed or on a pension, you can become a full member of ABN and receive National Biways. Couples can join for \$20 and organisations for \$25. At the same time you are helping ABN secure funding and provide services to the Bisexual Community throughout Australia.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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Swedish
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Massage
Lady for Lady
Lady for Man
07 - 3257 3585

RESOURCES.

NATIONAL

AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK
Australian Bisexual Youth Forum
National Biways Magazine

Bisexual Community Centre is not in operation at the present time but you can still write to or telephone ABN

**PO BOX 490 LUTWYCHE QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA 4030
(07) 38572500
ausbinet@ozemail.com.au**

ABN is a national body for bisexual men, women, partners/families and bi and bi-friendly groups in Australia; is a member of International Lesbian & Gay Association; on the Australian Council for Gay & Lesbian Rights (Qld. Network).

ABN aims to:-

- foster the development of a bisexual movement/community in Australia & national/international networking & information sharing;
- link up socially and geographically isolated bisexual people;
- provide a voice on bisexual issues & rights & undertake research;
- develop a sense of pride and understanding in being bisexual;
- promote HIV/AIDS awareness, safe sex and sexual health education;
- advocate on behalf of bisexual people and their partners & families;
- produce a bi-monthly national news magazine by & for bisexual people;
- develop a national bisexual archives, resource & community centre.

For any information or support contact the ABN on (07) 38572500 or outside Brisbane on 1800-653223.

Regional

QUEENSLAND: ABN (Qld):

PO Box 490 Lutwyche Qld. 4030 (07) 38572500

- For all women's & youth groups and Qld. country areas including Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Mackay, Mount Isa, Townsville & Cairns: call ABN on (07) 38572500 or 1800-653223.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Sydney Bisexual Support Network:

PO Box 281 Broadway NSW 2007

- - 24hr Info 0055-25926
- Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Group: PO Box 429 Narrabeen NSW 2101 Sara (02) 2062026

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY:

Canberra Regional Bisexual Network: PO Box 458
Civic Square Canberra ACT 2608

VICTORIA: Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne:

PO Box 38 Clifton Hill Vic. 3068 (03) 98770224 Mon-Tue 8-11pm

- Australian Bisexual Men's Association Inc:
The Franklin Centre 14A Churchill Street Mont Albert VIC 3127
(03) 98901068, GAMMA Project & GAMMA-LINE counselling for bisexual & gay married men & their partners (03) 98990509
- Families of Gay Lesbian & Bisexual People: PO Box 2044 Kew VIC 3101 Linda (03) 98536614

TASMANIA: Hobart Bisexual Support Network:

Myke Dobber c/- TGLRG, GPO Box 1733 Hobart TAS 7001

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: ABN Contact:

PO Box 3391 Rundell Mall Adelaide SA 5000
Sabina (08) 3449241;

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Western Australian Bisexual Network:

PO Box 1167 Canning Vale WA 6155;
Ian or Graham (09) 3542737 a/h

- ENIGMA: Support for past & present spouses of bisexuals (09) 4178935 or (09) 4465092.

Electronic Mailing Lists on the Internet for Bisexual People.

WOMBAT.

WomBAT is an e-mail list specifically for bisexual women, but any woman is allowed to join. No one will be denied membership solely on the basis of sexual orientation. We are not in the business of deciding who is and who is not a womyn, and no one on this list is qualified to make such a determination about anyone but themselves.

Any other questions can be directed to wombat-request@listserv.aol.com and more information can be found at:

<http://drycas.club.cc.cmu.edu/~julie/wombat.html>
or by sending the command INFO WOMBAT to listserv@listserv.aol.com

To subscribe to Wombat, send e-mail to listserv@listserv.aol.com without a subject heading and with the command **subscribe Wombat Your Name** in the body of the message.

BiWorld.

From May 24 to 27 was the 4th International Bisexual Symposium in Berlin (Germany). Many people were there to listen to the lectures, take part in the discussions and participate in the workshops around the theme: "The Many Faces of Bisexuality". As a result of the workshop on international networking, we have decided to found an (at present informal) international organization called 'BiWorld'. An internet list called BiWorld has been set up as a first step.

For those interested in joining the creation of a international bisexual community, feel free to subscribe.

I would like to stress that the new list is not intended for personal, general or otherwise fluffy conversation, but only for constructive talking about the building of an international community where topics such as the organization of the next International Bisexual Conference (or Symposium) in 1998 in Boston can take place.

To subscribe, send e-mail to: majordomo@linker.tdc.globalxs.nl without a subject heading and with **subscribe BiWorld** in the body of the message.

OzBi

A list for Australian bisexuals and those interested in bisexuality. Overseas bisexuals are welcomed.

To subscribe send e-mail message to majordomo@queer.org.au with the following command in the body of the message:
subscribe ozbi

AusGBLF

Australian gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender & friends list for more serious discussion of queer related topics, announcements etc.

To subscribe send e-mail message to majordomo@queer.org.au Leave subject header blank and put the following command in the body of the message:
subscribe ausgbf

BiAct-L

Announcements and discussions of bisexual activism.

To subscribe, send a message to listserv@brownvm.brown.edu with the following in the message body:
sub biact-l Your Name

Directions for posting to the list will be sent to you when you are added to the list. To unsubscribe or suspend your biact-l mail, send one of the following commands to

listserv@brownvm.brown.edu:
unsub biact-l OR set biact-l nomail

BiFem-L

Discussions by bi and bi-friendly women [only].

To subscribe, send a message to listserv@brownvm.brown.edu with no subject line and the following message body:
subscribe bifem-l your full name

You will receive an acknowledgement of your message. The list volume is 80-100 messages per day.

Bisexu-L

Discussions by bisexuals and bi-friendly people.

To subscribe, send a message to
listserv@brownvm.brown.edu
with no subject line and the following message body:
subscribe bisexu-l your full name

You will receive an acknowledgement of your message, and will later receive a message welcoming you to the list and explaining how to post messages. The list volume is 45-50 messages per day.

A digest form (2-3 mail messages per day, each a packet of messages received that day) is available to reduce the number of mail messages. Instructions for switching to the digest form are included in the welcome message you receive when you are added to the list.

BiThry-L

Discussions of bisexuality and gender theory.

To subscribe, send a message to
listserv@brownvm.brown.edu
with the following in the message body:
sub bithry-l Your Name

Directions for posting to the list will be sent to you when you are added to the list.

To unsubscribe or suspend your bithry-l mail, send one of the following commands to
listserv@brownvm.brown.edu:
with the following in the body of the message
unsub bithry-l OR **set bithry-l nomail**

Q.C.

Australian mailing list for lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gay and queer students, teachers, lecturers and to organise and inform people on the annual Queer Collaborations conference.

To subscribe, send e-mail to
majordomo@queer.org.au
with the following command in the body of message
subscribe qc

Queer Campus

A list devoted to organizing and networking among the l/g/b/o campus communities world-wide. It will be a means to foster communication in an inexpensive manner between lgb activists, student leaders, organizations and individuals committed to making all campuses more queer and queer-friendly.

To join QueerCampus mailing list send a message to
majordomo@vector.casti.com
with a one line message:
subscribe queercampus

Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML)

An Internet mailing list in both standard and digest formats for straight spouses and their bisexual, gay or lesbian partners who are trying to make their marriages or relationships survive and thrive. Membership is moderated and confidential.

To Subscribe send a mail message to
majordomo@texsys.com
with the following command in the message body (the Subject: line is ignored):
subscribe spouse-support
OR **subscribe spouse-support-digest**

The BiFem Male Partners List

(for the male partners of Bi Women)

The BiFem Male Partners mailing list now exists? Members must be male partners of bisexual women, and the purpose of the list is to discuss various matters related to being in that situation.

To subscribe, send a subscription request to:-
bfmp-list-request@theseus.ultranet.com

For info contact Stephanie Doss (girlfriend of the guy who runs this list) at **steph@ultranet.com**

Poly (formerly "triples")

Mailing list on polyamorous relationships.

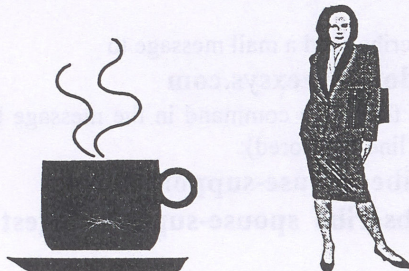
To subscribe, send email to
majordomo@hal.com
with the following command in the body of the message (the Subject: line is ignored):
subscribe poly

Coming Events



Brisbane ABN has a Northern Suburbs Coffee & Chat Night on the 2nd Thursday each month, July 11th, Aug. 8th, Sept. 12th, from 7:30pm to 9.30ish at the Scalded Cat Cafe, 201 Stafford Road, Stafford. Look for the table with the books on. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can reserve tables and chairs by calling ABN on 07-38572500.

Brisbane ABN, monthly social meetings are held on the 3rd Wed each month, July 17th, Aug 21st, Sept. 18th from 7pm Upstairs at Cafe Babylon, Boundary Street, West End. For more details telephone ABN on 07 - 3857 2500.



Brisbane BiFem Bisexual women's group next meets for coffee and a chat on Sunday, July 28th and Aug.25th at Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End from 1pm. For more details call ABN on 07-38572500 or Gillian on 019-497859.



Sydney SBSN For all SBSN meetings and social events ring SBSN infoline on 0055-25926 (75c/min.).

Brisbane ABN will be running a Coming Out Bisexual Series of Workshops from August . For more info ring ABN on (07) 38572500.

Sydney SBSN Yum Cha - "small Chinese delicacies served from wandering trays" at East Ocean Restaurant, China Town on July 21st. Meet between 12.15 and 12.30 pm at the southern ornamental Chinese Gate (corner Hay and Dixon Streets).



Sydney SBSN Coming Out Picnic - July 25th. A chance to share your coming out story, or hear others. Get to know everyone else over a picnic lunch. Newcomers especially welcome. Meet on the steps of the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, near the Domain and Botanic Gardens. Convenient parking in Lincoln Crescent, Woolloomoolloo, nearest railway station is Martin Place

Hobart Bisexual Support Network for info contact Myke on 002-729027.

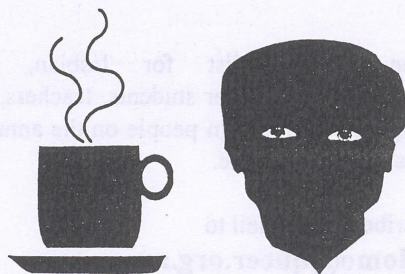
Melbourne BAM -. AGM will be held on July 21st from 4pm to 5pm at the Upstairs Function Room, Baker's Cafe, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy followed by socialising and early evening meal Call BAM on 03-98770224 or Jen on (03) 93069869.

Melbourne BAM - Video Project will be discussed at the Bi Politics Night on August 15th from 7.30pm at Steve's Place. For information call Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne on (03) 98770224.

Melbourne BAM - Social Night & Get Together will be held on August 17th from 7.30pm at Steve's Place. For information call BAM on (03) 98770224.

Sydney SBSN Pub Evening will be Sunday 14th July meet in the Cocktail Bar, 6pm at The Bank Hotel, near Newtown Station. More info from Pieter on (02) 550 5983.

Canberra CRBN coffee, cake & chat for details contact Clare on 06-2573257.



Sydney SBSN monthly meetings are held on 2nd Monday each month, July 8th, Aug.12th (the AGM), Sept.9th 8pm at the NCOSS Centre, cnr Albion and Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills. For details call SBSN Info Line on 0055-25926.

Brisbane ABN coffee and chat social will be held in Ipswich on July . For more info call ABN on (07) 38572500.

Perth ABN members and friends mixed nights out for dinner, movies, are being planned. For more info call Graham on 09-3542737 or Andrew Bloomer at work (be a little discrete) on 09-4293200.

Perth Bi Women wishing to meet socially on a regular basis, write to Annie, c/- WABN, PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155.

Melbourne BAM - Pot Luck Dinner will be held on September 21st from 7.30pm at Jen's Place. For information and RSVPs call Jen on (03) 93069869.

Adelaide ABN information can be obtained by calling Sabina on 08-3449241.

An Australasian Bisexual Anthology.

Some of you will have seen this before...

Yes, this project is still happening, though it went to sleep for a while last year. If you know any individual who might be interested, please forward this to them. If you think another mailing list, or a note on a web page, or an insert in some newsletter or something similarly public would be suitable, I would be happy about that in principle, but **PLEASE** ask me about it first. There are RL phone numbers & addresses on there...

thanks,
Cath

Bi Us!

An Australasian Bisexual Anthology.

The Australian Bisexual Network (ABN) is looking for submissions to their project to publish an anthology of bi writing from the Australasian region.

Contributions of personal stories, bi theory, poetry, cartoons, photographs etc are welcome from bisexual women, bisexual men, bisexuals of any gender, the partners, parents, siblings of bi people, and from bisexual and bi-inclusive groups in Australia, New Zealand, PNG and Norfolk Island and other South Pacific Islands. Bi groups are encouraged to submit articles on their formation, campaigns or events. We would love to collect material reflecting our diversity in as many ways as possible - cultural, ethnic, (trans-)gender, age, religion, community identity, you name it...

Contributions, preferably two copies, typed on one side only of A4 sheets, may be sent to:
Mark Trudinger, 168 Nelson St, Annandale, NSW 2038
phone: Cath Lawrence (02) 519 5221
Mark Trudinger (02) 692 8838
email: claret@sydney.DIALix.oz.au

Deadline: November 15th, 1996

abusive relationships

Some Information

domestic violence the violence within relationships



THE CUTTING EDGE PROJECT
domestic violence within Brisbane's lesbian
gay bisexual and transgender communities

Domestic violence is also called violence within relationships, and abusive relationships. It is any form of violence or abuse. It is not about bad tempers, drug and alcohol abuse, or stress. It is about systematic degradation of a person's self esteem, an inability to recognise another's individuality, and controlled use of manipulation and abuse to subject another's will. Some forms of abuse this can take are

Emotional	manipulating the target to become responsible for the perpetrator's abusive and violent behaviour
Psychological	affecting the target's ability to assert themselves in the relationship and undermining self esteem
Financial	controlling income and information on finances, reinforcing dependency on the perpetrator
Material	wilful damage of property and possessions to instill fear in the target
Social	negative comments on outside contact leading to isolation from friends, family, and support networks for fear of abusive behaviour from partner
Sexual	forced to have sex, sometimes being subjected to rape, which can lead to further isolation because of the denial that sexual abuse and rape can occur within relationships
Physical	including shoving, punching, restraining, to battering, and in its most extreme, murder and attempted murder

Before the first signs of abuse, there is great emotional intensity and intimacy. It is a time when the perpetrator seems to be the 'perfect' partner. Levels of commitment are high, as are love and trust.

Slowly tension builds where the perpetrator seems to be moody, unpredictable, finding fault and/or argumentative. The target may feel unsafe, unsure, and/or unwilling to state an opinion that contradicts the perpetrator's. Outside contact may drop off as the perpetrator becomes more demanding of the target's time and energy.

Then an act of abuse or violence on any of the levels mentioned above. Generally it is unpredictable and unexpected. The target is left with disbelief, and confusion over how it happened and why. It may be a time of offering

If you need to talk about issues on domestic violence

If you're not sure if you're in an abusive situation

If you're noticing problems within your relationship

If you're the target of abuse and violence

If you perpetrate this abuse and violence

then call

Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender
Anti Violence Council Inc
(07) 3844 2075 041 123 1557 (24 hour)

Gay and Lesbian Welfare Association
(07) 3839 3288

Domestic Violence Service Ipswich and surrounds
(07) 3812 3665

Logan Sexual Assault Service
(07) 3808 8233

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Prevention of Domestic Violence Grant*

promises to the target that it will not happen again, or accusing the target of 'provoking'. Sometimes the target takes on the management of their partner's violence.

Over a period of time, the violence and/or abuse may intensify, the time taken to repeat the cycle may reduce, and the target's ability to leave the relationship may reach a point where it appears impossible to leave.

The *Domestic Violence (Family Protection) Act 1989* excludes same sex couples as it is based on opposite sex coupling, or the biological parenting of a child. Transgenders have no rights even under anti discrimination legislation. This impacts on service provision and delivery to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities. Services are not bound to provide advice, referral or support to LGBTs. Protection orders cannot be obtained. Men in same sex relationships have no domestic violence services. Women in same sex relationships can access services but face potential heterosexism.

Heterosexism is the assertion that heterosexuality is the only 'natural' and socially accepted norm. It manifests itself at best as tolerance and at worst as violence. Current understanding of domestic violence is through feminist frameworks predicated on male violence against women. Lesbian domestic violence challenges those frameworks. The number of service providers that understand domestic violence issues combined with LGBT issues are few. It leads to further isolation of those whose issues are not understood within current frameworks.

The lack of response to domestic violence from LGBT communities further isolates those being abused. The response has been silence and denial. The dilemma for the targets is clear - mainstream services legally do not have to provide service and LGBT communities do not acknowledge their own experience. The repercussions on individual and collective health is significant.

The problem of abusive relationships within LGBT communities is a fact. What has to be documented is specific information on issues that make domestic violence unique to LGBTs, and what the appropriate responses may be.

Anti Violence Council's Cutting Edge Project aims to research the nature of abusive relationships within LGBT communities, what issues are specific to domestic violence and LGBT communities, and what the appropriate responses may look like.



The University of Sydney
AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR LESBIAN & GAY RESEARCH

Health In Difference

First National Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and
Bisexual Health Conference

The University of Sydney October 3-5 1996

Co-sponsored by the Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay
Research and the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations

Enclosed are brochures advising details for the Health In Difference Conference and registration details. We are calling for expressions of interest in presenting papers, workshops, and cultural events including a community expo.

This innovative project will bring together consumers, practitioners, policy makers, and researchers. The conference aims to be as inclusive as possible and will be a milestone in affirming the health needs of gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual Australians.

Please distribute this information as widely as possible. We would like as many people as possible to attend the conference but also be involved in its planning. If you have ideas that you would like the planning committee to consider, or if you would like more brochures, please contact Sonia Lawless on the numbers below.

Sonia Lawless
Research/Community Development
Health In Difference Conference, October 1996

Telephone: (02) 351 5562
Facsimile: (02) 351 3783
E-mail: Jude.Irwin@social.usydney.edu.au

Australian Centre for Lesbian & Gay Research
The University of Sydney NSW 2006



The International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation is a coalition for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and student groups and is also open to individual youth under 27, to foster international links. The group edits a newsletter called *Speak Out*, which contains articles and reports on IGLYO and issues relevant to young Lesbian/Gay people. It is available to all member organisations as well as individual members.

IGLYO also holds an annual conference, last year it was held in Manchester, this year it will be held in Budapest from July 5-12. This will be the first time the conference will be held in Eastern Europe and the main focus of the conference will be on the issues for Queer youth in these countries. In the 'Call for Papers / Workshops', Bisexuality was listed as one of the themes IGLYO would like to see covered. To date no "out" bisexual speakers or Australian lesbian/gay person has presented or attended an IGLYO Conference.

Last year ABN endeavoured (unsuccessfully) to have Sabina Nowak, ABN Bi Youth Rep funded to attend and run a couple workshops on Bisexuality. Organisers were that keen to have Sabina attend they telephoned her to check on whether funding had been secured. It is a shame that queer Australian youth are being denied the opportunity to have input into international forums such as the IGLYO Conference.

ABN would have liked to send either Sabina Nowak from Adelaide or Myke Dobber from Tasmania to this year's conference in Hungary, but as government funding is most unlikely, we become reliant on individual donations. ABN will continue attempts to send ABN youth representatives to future conferences.

If you would like to see a copy of *Speak Out* or for more information about IGLYO, Contact Wayne at ABN, *Speak Out* also welcomes contributions of stories, articles and news from queer youth and students. They are on e-mail at: alex.pocnik@list.uni-ij.si (Alex Pocnik) or to IGLYO at: Postbus 542, NL 1000 Amsterdam, The Netherlands or e-mail to: iglyo@intnet.nl

Donations to ABN's IGLYO Conference Fund are needed, Less have someone at next year's conference. Please give generously if you can, thanks.



Bisexual Postcard from Germany featuring BINE.

You are invited to the Queensland Premiere of

It's my Party

on Thursday 25 July at 7 pm

at the Classic Cinema, 963 Stanley St, East Brisbane

followed by a party at the Wickham Hotel

The film at the Classic Cinema stars

Christopher Atkins, Margaret Cho, Lee Grant, Gregory Harrison,
Michael Kearns, Sally Kellerman, Greg Louganis, Marlee Matlin,
Roddy McDowall, Olivia Newton-John, Eric Roberts, George
Segal, and many, many others!

Good looking, successful Nick Stark (Eric Roberts) has an irreverent sense of humour. When he learns that untreatable brain lesions will mean a quick death, he decides to end his life as he lived it - with vitality and joy. So he gathers everyone for a two-day party, and along they come - including his ex-lover and the father he hasn't spoken to for years.

An example of our need to celebrate life - while we are living it!

The **Party** at the Wickham Hotel stars you!

The **Proceeds** go to the

Gay & Lesbian Welfare Association Inc.
(All proceeds go to running the Gayline (38 39 3277) and Lesbianline (38 39 3288))

Tickets are \$11 (\$8 concession)

(including the party)

Available from the Wickham Hotel or by ringing Roger
on 3398 4222 or from the Cinema on the night.

Our thanks to the Classic Cinema and the Wickham Hotel for supporting this benefit.

VOTE PINK

WHY WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT STATE ELECTION?

Tell politicians what we want now
and see if they deliver!!!

You are invited to a community action planning day
facilitated by Jane Downing (ACLBTR(Qld))
and Janet Fitzgerald (GLWA)

AT Wariida Conference Centre
84 Kedron Park Road
Woolloowin

ON Saturday July 20th
(10.00am - 3.00pm)

PURPOSE

- To identify the priority action areas for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Queensland.
- To compile a report of these for our communities to confront the Ministers and Opposition spokespeople initially in the portfolios of Justice and Attorney-General, Health and Family Services.
- To discuss options for feedback and lobbying of the politicians.

TO REGISTER

Leave your name and number/s and
your attendance will be recorded
on 3289 1081 or 3356 7003

CATERING

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided,
bring your own lunch

An initiative of ACLEBTR(Qld) in connection with GLWA AWC ATSA

Situations Vacant

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Anti Violence Council Inc (AVC) is a community based organisation dedicated to working for, with and in the community to reduce the incidence of, and minimise the impact of, homophobic harassment and violence.

Operational for four years, the AVC is run by a voluntary Management Committee and a membership base of 96. It offers referral and client support for the targets of homophobic harassment and violence. The AVC also undertakes project work.

**VOLUNTEER
INTERVIEWERS**
The Cutting Edge Project:
Domestic Violence in
Brisbane's lesbian, gay,
bisexual and transgender
(LGBT) communities

The Cutting Edge Project is primarily a research based project looking at the violence in relationships within Brisbane's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

Volunteer interviewers are needed to conduct telephone/face to face interviews with those within our communities who have experienced, or are experiencing domestic violence.

It is anticipated that interviews will be conducted in a wide range of settings and will require a wide range of skills.

Because of the sensitive nature of the Project, successful volunteer applicants will be expected to undertake a thorough selection, interview and training process prior to conducting any official interviews.

****Previous applicants need NOT reapply as they will automatically be considered for the position.**

For further information about the Project or being an interviewer, contact:-

BLYSS on (07) 3846 3150 or
AYC pager on (07) 3836 3264

This Project has been supported by a Brisbane City Council Prevention of Domestic Violence Grant

Project Coordinator
Safe Place Project

Safe Place creates a network of businesses where people facing homophobic harassment and violence can seek refuge, and receive information on laying charges, seeking compensation and referrals.

Commencing in May and ending in September the Project Coordinator will work with the Project's Steering Committee, particularly the Project Manager, in

- canvass businesses' participation
- develop training modules
- deliver this training
- design Safe Place material (eg. stickers)
- undertake focus tests
- coordinate a Safety Awareness Weekend to launch Safe Place
- document the Project

Skills required include public relations, advertising/marketing, training development and delivery, coordination of volunteers, and report writing. The position requires excellent organisational skills and is high profile. A commitment to the development of LGBT communities is essential.

A 30 hour week at a casual rate of \$25.00 per hour plus superannuation is offered.

This project has been supported by a Brisbane City Council Community Development Assistance Grant

Further enquiries and an information pack on either position are available from Chargin Keenan (07) 3844 2075 or 041 123 1557. Applications close Friday 19 July 1996.

Parliament of the
Commonwealth of Australia

Senate Legal and
Constitutional References
Committee

Sexuality Discrimination Inquiry

The Senate has agreed that the Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquire into and report on the following matters by the first sitting day of March 1997:

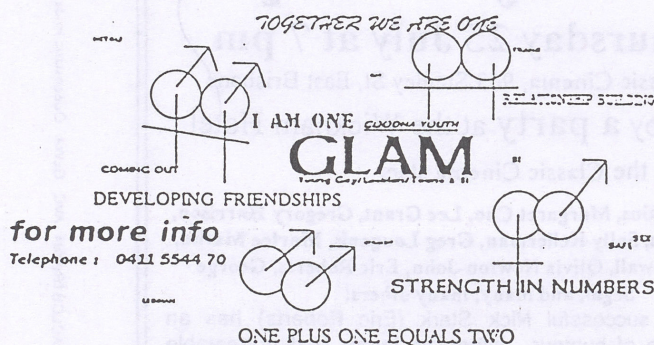
- (1) The need to protect Australian citizens against discrimination and vilification on the grounds of their sexuality or transgender identity, as dealt with by the Sexuality Discrimination Bill 1995 [1996], with particular reference to Australia's international obligations in relation to sexuality discrimination and transgender identity and the action required to meet those obligations.
- (2) Measures which need to be taken to remove any legislative and administrative provisions which are currently discriminatory on the grounds of a person's sexuality or transgender identity.
- (3) The extent to which current legislation at a State level addresses discrimination on the grounds of sexuality or transgender identity and the extent to which Commonwealth legislation should take account of these provisions.
- (4) The appropriate scope of Commonwealth sexuality discrimination legislation and, in particular, the need for provisions including, but not limited to, the areas of:
 - (a) public education;
 - (b) appropriate exemptions;
 - (c) dispute resolution;
 - (d) remedies;
 - (e) the availability of class actions; and
 - (f) review of the legislation.
- (5) The extent to which the Sexuality Discrimination Bill 1995 [1996] effectively addresses the issues of sexual and transgender discrimination and vilification and the nature of any amendments required to make it more effective.

The Committee invites persons and organisations wishing to express views on these matters to lodge written submissions with:

The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional References
Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The closing date for submissions is 19 July 1996. Submissions and proceedings are covered by parliamentary privilege. Submissions become Committee documents and are only made public after a decision by the Committee. Persons making submissions should not release them without the prior concurrence of the Committee.

Notes to assist with the preparation of submissions are available from the secretariat on telephone (06) 277 3219 or fax (06) 277 5794.



up in a world where it doesn't matter if you're gay any more than it matters if you're black or Muslim? Sexuality has such a polarising effect on the community, but I don't think it matters, do you?

kdl: I do think it matters, actually. I think it matters because there is a difference.

CH: Yes, a difference, but I'm not making a judgement about it.

kdl: But I think it's almost impossible not to judge. This whole bisexual uprising has made me question my own sexuality.

CH: What bisexual uprising?

kdl: Well, it's the bisexual revolution now. You know, just like all that lesbian chic was popular in America, now it's bisexuality. Bisexuals are standing up and saying: wait a minute, the gays hate us and the straights hate us, but we want our own rights. It's starting to make me question my sexuality.

CH: In what respect?

kdl: I think we're all bisexual, spiritually and intellectually, but naturally and ultimately I'm a lesbian. So I'm struggling with these two things. Don't you see yourself as being able to allow love to transcend gender or preferences? If we

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADRELAIDE.
COUPLE. bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 33 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. Code SA-111.

ADRELAIDE.
BI MALE seeking similar Woman Friend to explore & enjoy life. High trust given and expected....I'm a 43 yo male - very mild bisexual & most comfortable in myself, tall, slim, attractive, well spoken & personable - healthy, most aware, intelligent, vast interest range, open to safesex, delts free, warm, caring, no dark hang-ups from the past. Code SA-N11.

ADRELAIDE.
BI MAN youthful 42 yo from north America, of Italian & German descent, clean, healthy, attractive, educated, non-scene, I am seeking a bi-lady who is seeking a relationship based on honesty and caring, who enjoys sharing herself and enjoys receiving respect from her man. I am Taurus the Bull and only seek compatible people. Children are most welcome as I am a father of two and I enjoy family life. Genuine responses welcome & I will answer all. Code SA-R11.

ADRELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.
BI MALE/WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18-35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

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ADRELAIDE.
BI GUY 48, married, straight acting, 6ft tall, 73kg, med. build, healthy & fit, non-smoker, good-looking, would like to meet similar situated guy for meaningful friendship and safe fun times. Code SA-X3.

MODBURY / ADRELAIDE.
BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 37" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc. seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. Code SA-N12.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE.
BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1.

CENTRAL COAST.
BI WOMAN - STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE attractive, slim active mid 40's, seeking a special female for a sincere supportive friendship relationship. Would look forward to travel, theatre, bushwalking, beach. Single parent welcome. Code NS-H11.

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS
BI GUY 60's slim, clean shaven, fit, active, strong libido, ultra straight looking/acting (closet?), seeks bi guy with all the above attributes for genuine mate & on-going one to one relationship. Please number & photo nice. Code NS-L14.

GUNNEDAH
BI WOMAN - I am a 24 yr old single parent of 2 I have light brown hair, blue eyes & slim build. And most people think I'm pretty "cute". I am seeking lasting friendship / relationship with a bi woman or gay woman. I love going out, food, movies, theatre, having a drink & spending quiet romantic nights at home. The women of my dreams must be feminine & have the love of life in it. I do you also must love children and be aged between 23 & 30 and with experience. Please include a recent photo. Code NS-C2.

LISABOIRE.
GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & mediation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

LISABOIRE.
GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, gentle, masculine, a fun man, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lisabore seeks bi guys or casual guys for sexual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, 30 sessions with slim smooth and masculine mates. Also seek introduction to bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SEQ welcome. Code NS-H15.

COOMA.
FARMER 43, Snowy Mtns. Area, non-scene Bi Guy, fit, seeking younger guy or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship/relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old fa. Code NS-C1.

SYDNEY.
BI WOMAN wanting to meet bi man for friendship with view to a relationship if suited. I'm 36, attractive, fit, intelligent, independent, strong willed with sense of humour, I love animals, good conversation, functional healthy relationships and caring out. You would be early 40's or under, a non-smoker, sensual, consider yourself attractive, be a good communicator, have your life reasonably together, and be looking for a longer term relationship with an equal. If this sounds appealing please write. A photo would be appreciated. Code NS-H13.

SYDNEY.
IHEYI are you a slim, spontaneous, playful, romantic, easy going, passionate bi female? We're a bi couple, she 30's, he 40's with similar qualities seeking threesome that is fun, with laughter, chocolate, friendship and possibly much more. Photo / phone appreciated. Code NS-W2.

SYDNEY.
BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F GENUINE, seeking other bi couples for regular safe sex evening. We are mid 30's, clean, healthy, discrete, highly sexed and fun loving. All replies will be answered & photos can be posted in exchange for yours. Code NS-H12.

SYDNEY.
COUPLE, younger woman, older man, seek lovely bi woman (NS) to be with. Interests are in the arts, children, healthy lifestyle, etc. Code NS-M15.

SYDNEY.
BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for FRSHIP 23-30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA Pen pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

SYDNEY.
BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsey Scale (eg. a guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. Code NS-S3.

SYDNEY.
BI MALE 34, married, straight acting, 5ft 7.5ins, medium build, healthy, non-smoker, would like to correspond and later meet similar married male for friendship. If you have bi-feelings and desires and have little or no experience at all like myself and would like to safely explore bisexuality please drop me a line. Code NS-D3.

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BRISBANE.
BI FEM 30ish feminine, sexy, discrete, single seeks beautiful brunette with similar qualities. I am easy going, wicked sense of humour, enjoy life in general, quiet and party times. Am smoker. No couples please, miss the intimacy & friendship. Please write with phone number for quick reply. Interstate visitors okay. Code QLD-T5.

BRISBANE.
BI WOMAN I'm a conservative attractive 26 yo bisexual woman. I've been on the gay scene for 2 yrs and am wishing to make women friends who are interested in going out to straight nightclubs as all my friends are gay. All letters answered. Code QLD-H12.

BRISBANE.
BI WOMAN 40, teacher, seeks similar bi or gay woman for friendship, mutual support and understanding. Code QLD-B1.

BRISBANE.
YOUNG COUPLE he 30, dark hair 5'8" into bodybuilding, she 29, long brunette hair, good body into lingerie and X-rated movies, non-smokers, seek similar guy for on-going casual fun times. Code QLD-Z1.

BRISBANE / WOODRIDGE.

BI WOMAN & STRAIGHT MALE COUPLE bi woman, 20 and straight husband seek bi woman for friendship and possible relationship. Like the night life and fun times. Photo please. Code QD-M14.

BRISBANE.
PROFESSIONAL FEMALE seeks company of bi woman/fashion to share own home at Carindale. Prefer responsive, non-smoker who likes dogs. For more details contact Wendy. Code QD-S16.

BRISBANE.
FEMININE BISEXUAL WOMAN - STRAIGHT MALE COUPLE 29 & 30 resp., open minded, fun loving and attractive. We are non-smokers, social drinkers and enjoy exciting nights out and living life to it's fullest. We would just love to meet a bi woman 20 to 40 for friendship and great times together. Adventurous couples with no hang-ups are also welcome to apply. We would like to meet genuine, down to earth and discrete people. All letters answered. Please send photo if possible. Write to us as soon as you can! Code QD-B18.

BRISBANE.
BI LADY or BI COUPLE sought by adventurous guy early 40's. I am slim tall and have caring, sensual and sensitive nature. Enjoy outdoors and 4WD & good conversation. I am looking for a longer term relationship. Code QD-K4.

BRISBANE.
BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. Code QD-S13.

BRISBANE / SE QLD.
BI GUY 20 a old seeking bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number to quick reply. Code QD-D10.

BRISBANE.
EURASIAN GUY passive, slim, 5 ft 7 in tall, 58 kg, dress up (crossdress), look attractive and effeminate, would like to meet single man, straight or bi, with average looks, up to 30 yr old for friendship, relationship. Must be genuine. Don't be shy, write, a simple letter will do. Code QD-G6.

BRISBANE.
BI GUY tall, thin, straight acting, late 30's seeks slim smooth bi guy 20 plus. Must be non-scene and discrete. Photo & phone number appreciated. Code QD-M15.

BRISBANE.
GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, bi, 25-35 for first bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE.
BISEXUAL GUY seeks a bi woman aged 25 to 40 for friendship and possible relationship with a view to introducing her to my bi-curious female partner. Code QD-C11.

BRISBANE.
BI-GUY attractive, 5'8", 30 yo, slim medium build, would love to meet other guys, crossdressers, transsexuals, age open and should be smooth bodied. I have been a crossdresser, could try again with anyone with to experience good safe fun, discrete, write with phone number, ALA. Code QD-L2.

BRISBANE.
BI GUY sincere 22 yo bi, attractive, tanned, 172cm, fit, 70kg, smooth skin, straight acting, non-smoker, non-scene, likes travel, movies, swimming seeks similar young man for friendship and safe discrete sex at your place if night. Code QD-T4.

BRISBANE.
STRAIGHT GUY seeks the company of an attractive female bi lady 30-40 with or without partner or no partner. No intimate times. All letters answered please include a photo! no. Code QD-S12.

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

Hi my name is Ian and I am a 23 yo Bi guy who is seeking a Pre-Op transsexual up to age 30 whom I can be with as a friend / partner. I am 6 ft 11 in tall, have mossy blond hair, broad shoulders & fairly muscular, non-smoker, attractive and a good kisser. You 1. Very effeminate - long hair, slim athletic build, with good chest, preferably into gym or aerobics? I am very caring and honest but at same time I know how to have a hot time. No drugs please. Please send photo and contact details. Code QD-PF.

BRISBANE.

Hi GUY 40 slim smooth body seeks Bi guy rugged looks hairy body solid, man or beard for mutual sex, like cuddling, kissing, slim to please the right man in every way. Photo, address for quick reply. All letters answered. Code QD-R12.

BRISBANE.

GUY 40 seeking guys 25 and over, tallish with a sense of humour, working, intelligent. I am 6 ft, 90 kg bearded (for now), hairy and tanned, self employed, independent, relationship considered. Code QD-WVS.

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

Hi GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build Bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. QD-R13.

CAIRO/TURIN.

Hi LADY 40 wishes to meet with other Bi Lady for friendship / relationship, couples okay. I am 170 cm tall 56 kg. & long legs. Code QD-I18.

EUMUNDI, SUNSHINE COAST.

BiSEXUAL WOMAN desperately seeking Bi woman for pleasure, fun and possibly romance. I look forward to your reply. Code QD-R21.

GOLD COAST.

Hi WOMAN 24 yo seeking a woman for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy life, am easy going and like good food, wine and company. Code QD-I17.

GOLD COAST.

Hi GUY 35, likes wining and dining girls, sucks dicks like there's no tomorrow, seeks beauty or beast. I'm slim, straight acting, you anything. Code QD-Q3.

GOLD COAST.

Hi MAN 50 single, want to meet younger couples for friendship or relationship and having good times. Also a good looking young woman or guy, slim and having a happy smiling face. Must be easy going in nature. I am 1.80m tall, black hair, brown complexion with Mediterranean looks, a moustash & weigh 83kg. Photo & phone number would be nice. Discretion assured & expected. See you girls, guys & couples. Code QD-V1.

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LOGAN VILLAGE.

Hi WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. Code QD-R15.

MACKAY & DISTRICTS.

Hi GUY married 46 years old, slim, fit, good looking, would like to meet similar Bi guy or couple for good safe fun. Code QD-C7.

NOOSA / SUNSHINE COAST.

Hi MALE, discrete 38 yo slim build, good looking seeking the companionship of other Bi males. Interests include basketball, reading, tennis. I'm straight acting and practice safe sex only. Looking for intelligent hot bodied independent friend / relationship. Code QD-R20.

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS.

TRANSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for Bi woman up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a social smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy going, down to earth and am very kind, caring and emotional. I am non gay/fraemic scene and enjoy the simple things in life such

ROCKHAMPTON.

Hi COUPLE 23/33 seek Bi lady, Bi male or couple, any age for fun times, local area only as we can not travel. ALA. Photo & phone number please. Code QD-S14.

SOUTHI EAST QLD.

COUPLE Bi woman 41 yrs, straight husband 44 yrs seeks Bi woman for long term F/Rship. We're an easy going fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-I14.

SUNSHINE COAST / BRISBANE.

Hi GUY 36 slim build, 45kg, 170 cm tall, average looks, would like to meet guys, girls, couples for fun safe and discrete times, age open. Looking forward to hearing from you. ALA. Photo number & photo if possible. Code QD-S18.

REMEMBER ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFER SEX NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC. NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES

TOOWOOMBA.

Hi GUY 32 from overseas seeks Dship or rship with Bi female, transverse & couples. Seeking mutual respect & discretion. All letters welcome & answered, ph number if possible. Code QD-I19.

TOWNSVILLE.

Hi GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy movie recreation & have a secure career. Code QD-S15.

TOWNSVILLE.

Hi GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and... I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of spandex then contact me. Code QD-E2.

VICTORIA (VIC).

CARRUM DOWNS

Hi MARRIED WOMAN 25 built with fun not speed. I am seeking Bi woman 25 to 35 with sense of humour that borders on the wacky side. I am after something that will last. I am not into one nighters thanks. Walk on the fun side! Code VI-B5.

MELBOURNE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall handsome seeks uninhibited attractive Bi Lady for friendship. I will reply quickly and discretely. Photo appreciated & returned. Code VI-B2.

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

Hi WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall and need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 yo. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, I do want a lasting thing. No one-nighters. Code VI-I11.

MELBOURNE.

BiSEXUAL COUPLE M/F seeking Bi couple for all combinations of safe sex and fun times. We are mid 30's, early 40's medium build, good average looks and seek similar couples. Please include phone number. Code VI-D1.

MELBOURNE.

AUSSIE WIDE - GUY European D/ground seeks soul mate Aussie wide, non-scene Bi OK. I'm 30 CNUC but live in country 5 min. Black, Bush. You under 30, surfe guy on date, relocate ASAP, 100% genuine. ALA. Code VI-M2.

AUSTRALIA WIDE.

GUY 29, non-scene, non smoker, non drinker, lives in country Victoria near Melbourne seeks a genuine guy under 30 for companionship, view to relationship, penfriends welcome from anywhere. ALA. Code VI-K1.

as a coffee & a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definitely non smokers. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. Code QD-D13.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

COUNTRY WA.

Hi TRANSEXUAL, seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 34 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-doorish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chicken and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman. Code WA-J1.

PERTH.

YOUNG PERTH Hi COUPLE, wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an on-going relationship. Code WA-Z1.

PERTH.

Hi GIRL/STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE Bi girl 26, straight man 31 seek friendship, relationship with Bi girl. We are an attractive & loving couple and wish to meet a genuine Bi lady to share new experiences & fun times. Discretion assured & expected. Photo please. Code WA-S5.

PERTH.

FRIENDLY PENPAL WANTED. I am a 27 yo inexperienced Bi female who has no Bi friends to talk/write to and wants someone to share letters, stories or just to have a conversation with. All letters answered - I promise! Code WA-W6.

PERTH.

Hi GIRL 25 seeks fship + rship with lady any age. Couples welcome as a guy would be nice also. Photo please. ALA. Code WA-R5.

PERTH.

Hi GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.I. into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BJJQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 37 for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. Code WA-B2.

OVER SEAS (OS).

HOLGOWN, CUBA

BiSEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 33 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and For address see Letters or write to Code OS-G1.

HONG KONG.

Hi MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

BiSEXUAL WOMAN attractive, Indonesian, 30's, on the go business woman, visit Brisbane and Sydney and other Asian cities regularly would like to meet bisexual women and other Asian members for office, dinner, nights out and fun times during your visits. Code OS-N1.

MALANG, INDONESIA.

GUY Chinese, 29 yrs, 167 cm tall, 50kg, sex, photo, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many paybi friends in Australia. Please write. My name is Kristiano. Code OS-B1.

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

BiSEXUAL MAN, 26 years old, outdoor lover (scuba diver, swimmer and mountaineer) lean and muscular seeks males up to 40 for friendship and possible visits. I like traveling a lot and now I am considering a trip to Australia next year so it would be nice to know people there. Also would like to share thoughts and experiences about bisexuality. Write to Daniel M. Ocampo at e-mail: dmocampo@ustcusc.edu.ph or mailing address: 54 Olive Street, SSS Village, Marikina, 1811 Metro Manila, the Philippines. Code OS-O1.

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE Bi GUY 30 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, wishes to make new friends and correspond with Bi males/females up to 35 in Australia. Has had experience of gay scene in Brisbane, interests include Aussie soaps, travel, radio and sports/beach clothes. Code OS-W1.



YEREVAN, ARMENIA.

GUY 30 years, Armenian, Christian, black eyes, black hair, good looking, pleasant, intellectual, kind, gentle, romantic, carefree, fond of art, travelling, nature, and everything which is beautiful. I take and report all kinds of pleasure. Please write to me so we can become friends and more. Code OS-N2.

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



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BISEXUALITY

The Psychology and Politics of an Invisible Minority

edited by BETH A. FIRESTEIN, Counseling Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Foreword by Maggi Rubenstein

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